

As the recent, much publicized power grid failure points up, there are several possible 'critical areas' that affect our current technological lifestyle, and illuminates our almost total dependence on these systems and infrastructures to prosecute our daily lives.

Our safety and well-being is increasingly pinned to these systems, whose failure causes widespread disruption and affects the lives of millions of Americans. There have been satellite failures, major interruptions of fibre and radio links, and the ever-present threats to Internet traffic, upon which we in this country increasingly look to for business and fiscal communications.

I feel that well-planned and simple-to-implement backups to our communications infrastructure is an area that is sadly underrepresented, and, as a Licensee of the Commission (KB6SCO) I wish to be able to apply my understanding of communications systems to the betterment and security of our Country.

Therefore I support the captioned documents and petition now before you, and I hope that the Widecasting scheme can be implemented as a bona-fide emergency and/or alternate method of communicating securely and easily with large numbers of citizens - in the case of natural or man-made disasters, or in the absence of more complicated and less-robust schemes.

My thanks to the Commission for allowing me the opportunity to send you my thoughts on this matter!

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